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Dear Mr. Shideler:

**SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Review
Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan--
For Construction Phase I of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project,
Station 392+00 (Near East Kapolei Station) to Station 776+00 (Near Waimano Home
Road),
Hono'uli'uli, Hō'ae'ae, Waikele, Waipi'o, and Waiawa Ahupua'a, 'Ewa
District, O'ahu, Hawai'i
TMK: (1) 0-1, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7 (Various Plats and Parcels)**

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to review this Archaeological Monitoring Plan (AMP), (*Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan For Construction Phase I of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, Station 392+00 (Near East Kapolei Station) to Station 776+00 (Near Waimano Home Road), Hono'uli'uli, Hō'ae'ae, Waikele, Waipi'o, and Waiawa Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu, Hawai'i TMK: (1) 0-1, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7 (Various Plats and Parcels)* [Hammatt and Shideler MA, March 2009]) which we received on March 10, 2009.

The transit corridor is a very complex project which includes stations, park-and-ride facilities, and piers and requires flexibility on the part of archaeological contractors in inventorying historic properties. Due to geography, urban settlement, previous archaeological work, or the lack thereof, and the non-sensitive and sensitive archaeological areas, the approach was to split the project area in to western and eastern sections with Kunia Road being the arbitrary dividing line. All aspects of the archaeological inventory survey were developed around these distinct loci.

Archaeological survey techniques to be employed are driven by the necessity to determine historic properties subsurface in areas of sensitivity. Additionally, these techniques will also confirm the lack of properties in areas not sensitive. This is an efficient and cost reducing methodology. These include test trenching, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and limited areal excavations. We agree that these methods will adequately document historic properties that, if significant and with further consultation with this office, be investigated in a data recovery phase. Another measure to mitigate possible effects to historic properties, especially human burials, would be the development of a monitoring plan to address the results of this inventory survey and/or data recovery studies.

This AISP is accepted and meets the minimum standards for compliance under Hawai'i administrative Rules.

Dr. David Shideler

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Please contact Wendy Tolleson at (808) 692-8024 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. McMahon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy A. McMahon (Deputy SHPO)
State Historic Preservation Officer